

STEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 220

STEWARD, ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

March 18th, 2026 posted for participation.

Minutes taken by Matt Hayes.

The school board meeting of March 18th, 2026 was called to order by President Chele Wells.

On roll call at 6:15 pm, the following members were present:

Board members present: Chele Wells, Jen Kraemer, Bethany Drendel, Vicki Maertz, Matt Macklin, and Principal Michelle Esposito

Board members late:

Board members absent: Jennie O’Rorke and Tom Brown

Visitors: Superintendent Steven Simpson

1. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the agenda was accepted as presented.

2. Approval /Correction of Minutes from February 18th, 2026

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the minutes from February 18th, 2026 were accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a roll-call of all ayes, the bills and financial reports were accepted as presented.

4. Good News Communication and Report from Principal Esposito.
 - a. See file.
5. Board Communication for the Good of Steward District 220.
 - a. At the FMSC trip, the kids behaved well and were very hardworking.
 - b. Mrs. Rod did a wonderful job with the speech team, and the team was very successful.
6. Recognition and Comments from Employees and the Public
 - a. The speech kids were very supportive of one another during their speech meets.

Old Business

7. Teacher Appreciation Week
 - a. Mrs. Esposito was still looking for ideas.

New Business

1. Buildings and Grounds/ Building Usage –
 - a. Lawn Mowing.

On a motion by Vicky Maertz, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and a roll call of all ayes, the Board approved to accept the lawn bid from V&C Lawn Services for \$225 per mowing.

9. Salary/Wages/Hours: Food Service Director, Bus Driver, Head of Maintenance
 - a. To be discussed at the next meeting.

~~8. Executive Session: To consider the appointment, employment, and compensation. Discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or individual student matters.~~

12. The next meeting will be held on April 15th at 6:00 pm.

On a motion by Bethany Drendel, seconded by Jen Kraemer, and with a unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Board of Education:

Vicki Maertz, Board Secretary
Board of Education
April 15th, 2026

Chele Wells, President
Board of Education